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SUMMARY. AT COCHAIRMEN'S LUNCH APRIL 9 MARTIN (US) SET OUT US VIEWS ON SCOPE, DEFINITION, AND VERIFICATION OF PHASED CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW) AGREEMENT, AND INFORMED ROSHCIN (USSR) OF US STATEMENT ON SUBJECT PLANNED FOR APRIL 13 CCD PLENARY. ROSHCIN REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS AT DELEGATION LEVEL ON DEVELOPMENTS AT SPRING SESSION WITH RESPECT TO DRAFT ENMOD CONVENTION AND POSSIBLE CHANGES IN DRAFT AT SUMMER SESSION. HE ALSO REQUESTED FURTHER CONSULTATIONS AND COORDINATION ON COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF CCD PROCEDURES PROPOSED BY US, AND ASKED WHETHER US EXPERTS WOULD PARTICIPATE IF CCD HELD ADDITIONAL INFORMAL MEETINGS ON NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION DURING THE SUMMER. COCHAIRMAN ALSO DISCUSSED SWEDISH PROPOSAL FOR AD HOC EXPERTS GROUP ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF SEISMIC MONITORING CTB. MARTIN DOUBTED THAT FURTHER MEETINGS ON GENERALIZED BASIS WOULD BE USEFUL. END SUMMARY

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1. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS REF A, MARTIN READ OUT AND CONVEYED TO ROSHCIN NON-PAPER SETTING OUT US VIEWS ON SCOPE, DEFINITION, AND VERIFICATION OF PHASED CW AGREEMENT. HE SAID US REGARDED THESE VIEWS AS FURTHER STEP IN BILATERAL CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE JOINT CW INITIATIVE, AND INFORMED ROSHCIN THAT US WOULD GIVE CCD STATEMENT APRIL 13 DEALING WITH AND EXPANDING ON PLENARY STATEMENT MANY OF POINTS IN NON-PAPER. MARTIN SAID US WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SOVIET VIEWS ON POINTS RAISED BOTH IN NON-PAPER AND PLENARY STATEMENT. ROSCHIN SAID US VIEWS WERE AN "INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT" AND WOULD REQUIRE CAREFUL STUDY IN MOSCOW. HE DOUBTED SOVIET REACTIONS COULD BE CONVEYED BEFORE END OF SPRING SESSION.

2. ROSHCIN ASKED IF US AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS COULD MEET APRIL 13 TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS ON ENMOD CONVENTION AT SPRING SESSION AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ON POSSIBLE REVISIONS OF JOINT TEXT TO BE SURFACED AT SUMMER SESSION. MARTIN, WHILE EXPRESSING PERSONAL VIEW THAT CONCESSIONS SHOULD BE MADE ONLY IN RETURN FOR COUNTER-CONCESSIONS FROM OTHER DELEGATIONS, AGREED THAT SUCH A MEETING FOR REVIEW OF ISSUES ON INFORMAL, DELEGATION-TO-DELEGATION BASIS, WOULD BE USEFUL. ROSHCIN AND MARTIN ALSO AGREED IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US AND USSR TO CONSULT FURTHER AFTER STUDY IN CAPITALS BUT BEFORE BEGINNING OF CCD'S SUMMER SESSION.

3. ROSHCIN RAISED US INITIATIVE FOR COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF CCD PROCEDURES, ASKING WHAT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS US INTENDED TO MAKE ON VARIOUS TOPICS PRESENTED IN INFORMAL PAPER CIRCULATED MARCH 19 (REF B). HE SAID THAT PROPOSED REVIEW WOULD LEAD TO EXPECTATIONS FOR CHANGES IN PROCEDURES AND IN ORGANIZATION, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO US-SOVIET COCHAIRMANSHIP. MARTIN SAID THAT US CONTINUED TO BE SATISFIED WITH EXISTING PROCEDURES AND WAS NOT SEEKING CHANGES, INCLUDING CHANGES IN COCHAIRMANSHIP, AND DID NOT EXPECT TO MAKE ANY PROPOSALS WITHOUT CONSULTATION

WITH SOVIETS. HE RECALLED THAT US INITIATIVE FOR REVIEW HAD ARISEN FROM SENSE OF WIDESPREAD DISSATISFACTION IN CCD, AMONG ROMANIA AND NONALIGNED, OVER PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS, AND THAT WE HAD PROPOSED REVIEW IN ORDER TO AFFORD OTHERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO AIR THEIR VIEWS. FOR OUR PART, BEING SATISFIED

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WITH STATUS QUO, WE WERE NOT DISPOSED TO OFFER ANY CONCESSIONS IN ADVANCE OR IN ABSENCE OF PERVASIVE SENTIMENT IN FAVOR OF CHANGE. WE HAD NOT IN FACT OBSERVED UNITY OF VIEWS AMONG NON-ALIGNED ON ANY MAJOR PROCEDURAL-ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUE INCLUDING COCHAIRMANSHIP. ROSHCIN REITERATED SOVIET CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE HARMFUL CONSEQUENCES OF REVIEW, BUT SAID SOVIETS WANTED TO COORDINATE POSITIONS WITH US. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US AND USSR COULD ALSO CONSULT ON THIS SUBJECT BEFORE

BEGINNING SUMMER SESSION.

4. ON SWEDISH PROPOSAL FOR AD HOC EXPERTS GROUP TO EXAMINE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE MEASURES TO MONITOR A CTB, NAZARKIN (SOVIET DEP REP) THOUGHT, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, THAT SOVIETS WOULD CONCENTRATE EFFORTS IN CTB COMMITTEE CALLED FOR IN 1975 SOVIET UNGA RESOLUTION AND THAT AN EXPERTS GROUP IN THAT CONTEXT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. HOWEVER, HE SAID, HE DID NOT SEE UTILIT IN HAVING CCD GROUP ENTER INTO SUCH "ABSTRACT" DISCUSSIONS. MARTIN SAID THAT US WAS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN GROUP PROPOSED BY SWEDEN, ADDING THAT US EXPERTS AT INFORMAL MEETINGS ON CTB WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS GROUP'S TERMS OF REFERENCE WITH SWEDES.

5. ROSHCHIN ASKED IF, AFTER HEARING DISCUSSION AT INFORMAL MEETINGS ON NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION APRIL 7-8, US WOULD BE PREPARED TO SEND EXPERTS TO PARTICIPATE IN FURTHER MEETINGS DURING SUMMER SESSION. MARTIN SAID THAT INFORMAL MEETINGS HAD BROUGHT OUT SOME USEFUL VIEWS,BUT SCOPE AND CONTENT OF SOVIET PROPOSAL STILL REMAINED VAGUE AND NEEDED FURTHER CLARIFICATION. HE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT FURTHER INFORMAL MEETINGS TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL IN GENERALITIES WOULD BE USEFUL, OR THAT US WOULD BE IN POSITION TO SEND EXPERTS. ABRAMS

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